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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. SECSTATE KISSINGER: COLUMNIST ORLANDO SENNA WRITES ON LIBERAL ULTIMA HORA (RIO): "... KISSINGER IS THE ONLY ONE AMONG NIXON'S TOP STAFF MEMBERS WHOSE REPUTATION HAS NOT YET BEEN AFFECTED BY WATERGATE. ... THE AUTHORIZATION PRESIDENT NIXON GAVE FOR HIM TO PRESENT, AT THE U.S. SENATE'S DEMAND, TAPES PROVING THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIR, INDICATES THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN A RAPID CONFIRMATION OF HIS AIDE AS SECSTATE. ... KISSINGER IS THE RIGHT PERSON TO RETURN TO NIXON'S CABINET ITS FADED AURA OF RELIABILITY. HE MAY SUCCEED. BUT HE ALSO MAY BE DRAGGED DOWN BY THE TORRENT". (SEPTEMBER 17).

2. IBRD 1973 ANNUAL REPORT: RECEIVED MODERATE PRESS PLAY, MOSTLY STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTS. SAMPLE COVERAGE: LIBERAL CORREIO DA MANHA (RIO) FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE: "WORLD BANK SEES GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN LATAM;" INFLUENTIAL O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO COMMENTARY SAYS: "...ALTHOUGH WE MAY DISAGREE WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME IDEAS WHICH INSPIRE THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS PRESIDENT,

THE WORLD BANK, ESPECIALLY UNDER ROBERT MCNAMARA'S DIRECTION, REALLY HAS BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT BETTER DEFENDS DEVELOPING NATIONS' INTERESTS. IN THIS SENSE, THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED IBRD REPORT IS A UNIQUE DOCUMENT NOT ONLY FOR ABUNDANCE OF DATA IT PROVIDES BUT ALSO FOR THE ADMONISHMENTS -- REFORMULATED EVERY YEAR -- IT MAKES TO INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. ..." (SEPTEMBER 18).

3. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISIS: COLUMNIST EUGENIO GUDIN, FORMER GOB FINANCE MINISTER, WRITES IN CONSERVATIVE O GLOBO (RIO): "... THE CURRENT CRISIS, ALTHOUGH BRINGING DISCREDIT TO THE DOLLAR, ALSO SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE HOW MUCH GOLD CAN BE INFLUENCED BY SPECULATION AND BY VARIATIONS IN PRODUCTION, THUS BEING INAPPROPRIATE AS THE STANDARDHXR EXCHANRI PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM ARE NOT ENCOURAGING. THE AFFAIR WILL NOT BE SOLVED WITH THE NIXON ROUND, THE IMF KENYA MEETING, OR BY THE GROUP OF TWENTY. ITS ONLY REMEDY IS THE PERSISTENT EFFORT -- ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF THE U.S. -- TO RE-ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE IN THE DOLLAR... COME WHAT MAY REGARDING ITS EXCHANGE RATE (ONLY) AFTER THEN WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT A NEW INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM." (SEPTEMBER 17).

4. HEAVY MEDIA PLAY CONTINUES ON CHILE. SAMPLE COMMENTARIES: (A) NATIONALISTIC DIARIO POPULAR (SAO PAULO) EDITORIAL SAYS THAT "THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA NOW IS BEGINNING THE HUGE TASK OF PUTTING THE COUNTRY INTO ORDER AND RECONSTRUCTING IT. THE JUNTA CLOSED, THEREFORE, THE SAD CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF A FRIENDLY PEOPLE VICTIMIZED BY A SERIES OF ERROS MADE BY ITS LEADERS, MAINLY BY ALLENDE, WHO DIED COURAGEOUSLY WHEN HE REALIZED THAT THE WIDELY DISCUSSED 'CHILEAN EXPERIENCE' HAD BEEN A COMPLETE FAILURE. ..." (SEPTEMBER 18).

(B) UNSIGNED COLUMN IN O GLOBO COMMENTS ON NEGATIVE MEDIA COMMENTARY ON POLITICAL EVENTS IN CHILE: "... THE LANGUAGE USED BY LEADING EUROPEAN PAPERS ... AGAINST THE CHILEAN MILITARY'S ACTION, ... TOGETHER WITH DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED IN ROME, PARIS, AND OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS SHOW US MOSCOW'S INTENTIONS REGARDING CHILE. HAD THE CHILEAN MILITARY HESITATED ANY LONGER, A NEW CUBA WOULD HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

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IN THE HEMISPHERE." (SEPTEMBER 18).

5. UNGA: MODERATE PRESS PLAY GIVEN OPENING UNGA MEETING TODAY. LIBERAL JORNAL DEO BRASILIA EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON MAJOR SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED BY BRAZIL: "... THE SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED TODAY WILL GIVE THE TONE OF A NEW COUNTRY WHICH ENTERS INTO THE GROUP OF DEVELOPED NATIONS AND, AS SUCH, AIMS TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS WHICH AFFECT THE WORLD AT LARGE

BECAUSE THESE RELATE TO ITS OWN SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT."
(SEPTEMBER 18).

6. CONSERVATIVE DIARIO DE SAO PAULO FEATURES ARTICLE BY
EUGENIO GUDIN CRITICIZING GOB POPULATION PLANNING POLICY:
"NO OTHER PHENOMENON CAN DIM THE PROSPECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT LIKE THAT OF APPALLING POPULATION GROWTH. THERE
WILL EXIST NO POSSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING
IF THE REPERCUSSIONS OF UNCONTROLLED POPULATION GROWTH ARE
NOT UNDERSTOOD AND TACKLED. ... UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE IN
THIS COUNTRY A LINE OF THOUGHT, FAVORED BY THE GOVERNMENT,
WHICH REFUSES TO CONSIDER THE DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM, ABANDONING
IT TO THE HAZARDS OF BIOLOGY IN A STUBBORN LACK OF FORESIGHTEDNESS
WHOSE CONSEQUENCES THEY DO NOT FEAR. ..." (SEPTEMBER 15).
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